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CROP PRODUCTION

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Drought devastated 2002 Maryland corn and soybean production, while hay and tobacco production was below average according to the Annual Crop Production Report released by the Maryland Agricultural Statistics Service.

Corn for grain production totaled 32.3 million bushels, down 42 percent from 2001's production of 55.8 million bushels. The 2002 corn for grain yield averaged 76 bushels per acre, 60 bushels per acre lower than 2001's yield of 136 bushels per acre. This year's corn for grain yield was the lowest since 1988. **Corn for silage** production was 960 thousand tons, 15 percent less than in 2001. Corn for silage was harvested from 80,000 acres in 2002, up 5,000 from last year, but production was offset by a lower yield.

Soybean production is 10.8 million bushels, down 46 percent from last year and the lowest production level since 1987. Yield was 23 bushels per acre, also the lowest since 1987, and down 16 bushels from 2001. Soybeans were harvested from only 470,000 acres, down 9 percent from last year. Planted acreage was lower due to dry conditions and fewer acres were harvested due to fall rains.

Alfalfa hay production for 2002 was 156,000 tons, down 23 percent from 2001's production level of 202,000 tons. Alfalfa hay yield was 2.6 tons per acre, down 0.5 tons per acre from 2001.

All other hay yield averaged 2.2 tons per acre, up 0.2 tons per acre from a year ago. All other hay production totaled 352,000 tons, an increase of 10 percent from 2001's level.

First cutting yields were generally good, offsetting the lower yields in later cuttings.

Tobacco yield was 1,400 pounds per acre for 2002, down 100 pounds per acre from last year. Tobacco production came to 2.4 million pounds. Tobacco was harvested from 1,700 acres

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ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2001 AND 2002

Commodity	Unit	Planted		Harvested		Average Yield		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
Maryland		<i>1,000 Acres</i>						<i>1,000</i>	
Corn	ACR	490	510	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	410	425	136	76	55,760	32,300
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	75	80	15	12	1,125	960
Soybeans	BU	520	490	515	470	39	23	20,085	10,810
Sorghum ¹	BU	9	5	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum Grain	BU	---	---	8	4	83	47	664	188
Sorghum Silage	TON	---	---	1	1	14	11	14	11
Winter Wheat	BU	190	195	175	180	63	66	11,025	11,880
Barley	BU	55	45	51	41	75	82	3,825	3,362
All Hay	TON	---	---	225	220	2.3	2.3	522	508
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	65	60	3.1	2.6	202	156
Other Hay	TON	---	---	160	160	2.0	2.2	320	352
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	2.2	1.7	1,500	1,400	3,300	2,380
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	4.8	4.8	4.7	4.7	250	250	1,175	1,175
United States		<i>1,000 acres</i>						<i>1,000,000</i>	
Corn ¹	ACR	75,752	79,054	---	---	---	---	---	---
Corn Grain	BU	---	---	68,808	69,313	138	130	9,507	9,008
Corn Silage	TON	---	---	6,148	7,490	17	14	102	105
Soybeans	BU	74,075	73,758	72,975	72,160	40	38	2,891	2,730
Sorghum ¹	BU	10,252	9,580	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sorghum Grain	BU	---	---	8,854	7,299	60	51	515	370
Sorghum Silage	TON	---	---	336	352	11	10	4	3
Wheat, Winter	BU	41,078	41,735	31,295	29,651	44	39	1,361	1,143
Barley	BU	4,967	5,073	4,289	4,135	58	55	249	227
All Hay	TON	---	---	63,521	64,497	2.0	2.0	157	151
Alfalfa Hay	TON	---	---	23,822	23,135	3.4	3.2	80	74
Other Hay	TON	---	---	39,699	41,362	1.9	1.9	76	77
Tobacco	LBS	---	---	432.3	430.3	2,293	2,068	992	890
Potatoes, Summer	CWT	61.1	63.0	58.8	59.9	310	309	18.0	18.0

¹ Acres planted is for all purposes.

CROP RECORDS

MARYLAND RECORD HIGHS AND LOWS, SELECTED CROPS THROUGH 2002

Crops	Unit	Record High		Record Low		Year Record Started
		Quantity	Year ¹	Quantity	Year ¹	
<u>Corn for Grain</u>						1866
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	726	1891	328	1957	
Yield	Bushels	155	2000	14.5	1930	
Production	Thousand bushels	70,400	1985	6,554	1930	
<u>Soybeans</u>						1924
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	570	1993	3	1928	
Yield	Bushels	43	2000	6.5	1930	
Production	Thousand bushels	22,145	2000	32	1930	
<u>Wheat</u>						1866
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	680	1903	80	1978	
Yield	Bushels	68	1997	11	1866	
Production	Thousand bushels	14,400	1995	2,960	1978	
<u>Barley</u>						1889
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	96	1985	1	1897	
Yield	Bushels	82	2000	19	1890	
Production	Thousand bushels	5,510	1984	19	1890	
<u>Hay, All</u>						1909
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	465	1943	200	1998	
Yield	Tons	3.34	1994	0.7	1911	
Production	Thousand tons	910	1958	250	1911	
<u>Tobacco</u>						1866
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	53	1951	2.2	2001	
Yield	Pounds	1,500	1997	480	1900	
Production	Thousand pounds	46,250	1946	3,300	2001	
<u>Potatoes</u>						1918
Acres harvested	Thousand acres	52	1917	1.5	1995	
Yield	Cwt.	260	2000	35	1911	
Production	Thousand cwt.	3,682	1917	250	1994	

¹ In case of a tie, the most recent year was used.

WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS

Winter wheat planted acres for harvest in 2003 is forecast at 150,000 acres, down 45,000 acres from 2002. Rain in October and November prevented farmers from planting some fields making this the smallest planted acreage since 1985.

United States: Planted area for harvest in 2003 is estimated at 44.2 million acres. This is up.6 percent from 2002 and is the largest acreage since 1998. Seeding started last August and advanced ahead of the 5-year average pace throughout the fall. Nearly all of the U.S. acreage was seeded by December 1. Most remaining

intended area is in the Southeast and California. Seeding should finish sometime next month in California.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3	4	5 Broiler Hatchery	6	7 Poultry Slaughter
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